

Specification

On page 4, please delete paragraph 3, lines 3-9, and substitute the following paragraph therefor:

--The present invention relates to a device for securing a trouser **23** to a wearer. The device comprises a base plate **8** having an upper surface, a lower surface and two opposing open edges **31**. Within the base plate are a pair of inner channels **2** and a pair of outer channels **4** all of which extend from one of the open edges to the other. Each channel is defined by a pair of spaced walls **20A, 20B**. The outermost wall **20A** of each channel includes a geared surface **6** along ~~the entire length~~ a portion thereof. - -.